

trenches at Petersburg and on the retirement, was disabled by wounds. A successful affair with Gregg's Cavalry, in which General Gregg was captured, occurred on the day Farmville was reached. Constant skirmishing tried the courage and fortitude of our dwindling numbers.

On the night before the surrender the command lay near Appomattox. On the morning of Appomattox the regiment formed in battle line under command of Lieutenant John W. McGregor, the brigade being in charge of Major Scales, the only field officer then present for duty. The command charged at a double and captured the enemy's battery, scattering the supports of cavalry. We lost Ivey Ritchie, a brave and dutiful man, killed, and Atlas Dargan Lowery and Lieutenant John W. McGregor, wounded.

The supreme hour which comes to men and nations was at hand. Eight thousand and odd muskets were surrendered. Of this number the paroles of the Fourteenth Regiment of North Carolina Troops, as printed in Volume XV of the "Southern Historical Society Papers," numbered one hundred and seven.

The elder D'Israeli, in his book on "Curiosities of Literature," devotes a chapter to the "Enthusiasm of Genius." He relates that Admiral Nelson, on the day of Trafalgar, perceiving the engagement at hand, went to his cabin and invested himself with all the medals, orders and opulent decorations that he had conquered during his transcendent naval career. Thus inspired, he went to victory and death. The illustrious man, officer and soldier who on this day surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia had a kindred inspiration.

My memory connects the years before 1861 with those which have since elapsed, fraught with a succession of "sorrow and joy." The noblest inheritance the South can cherish is the unmeasured nobility and unselfishness of those who led and those who fought the good fight for local self-government. "Though gods they were, as men they died."

I shall not dwell upon the details of the ghastly struggle, for my task has already been accomplished. "Nightly since I